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ON A RAINY SUNDAY AFTERNOON THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST, 1943, APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND ENLISTED MEN AND THIRTY OFFICERS WERE Banded TOGETHER AT CAMP PEARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA. THEY WERE INFORMED THAT THEY COMPRISED THE SIXTEENTH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (SPECIAL). THEIR MISSION IN THE WAR WOULD BE TO LOAD AND DISCHARGE MILITARY CARGO FROM SHIPS IN THE FORWARD AREA.

THE PERIOD OF TRAINING, BOTH MILITARY AND TECHNICAL, WAS CONDUCTED AT CAMP PEARY, THEN AT CAMP HOLLIDAY, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AND FINALLY AT CAMP ROUSSEAU, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA.

THE LATTER PART OF DECEMBER, 1943, THE BATTALION EMBARKED ON A NAVY TRANSPORT AND A WEEK LATER ARRIVED IN PEARL HARBOR. FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MONTHS WE LOADED AND DISCHARGED SHIPS AT THAT BASE. WHILE STATIONED THERE, A DETACHMENT OF MEN WERE SENT TO AID THE INVASION OF ENIWETOK ATOLL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. WE LEFT PEARL HARBOR THE EARLY PART OF AUGUST, 1944, AND LANDED ON GUAM IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS THE LATTER PART OF THE MONTH.

THE PICTURE STORY CONTAINED IN THIS ALBUM DEALS PRIMARILY WITH OUR LIFE ON GUAM, AND AS A PICTURE IS WORTH TEN THOUSAND WORDS. THERE IS NOT MUCH WE CAN SAY THAT IS NOT TOLD IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

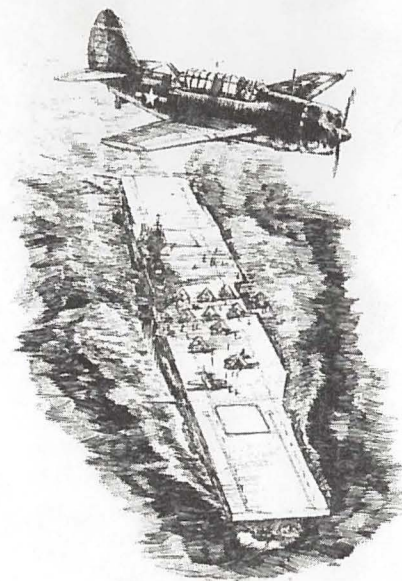
AS THIS ALBUM IS BEING PREPARED, THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS SIGNING AN UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO THE ALLIED NATIONS, SO OUR WAR-TIME TASK IS FINISHED.

ALL OFFICERS AND MEN OF THIS BATTALION HAVE, DURING THE TWO YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, FAITHFULLY AND LOYALLY PERFORMED THE DUTIES ASSIGNED AND IN SO DOING HAVE ENABLED THE BATTALION TO COMPLETE A WORTHWHILE MISSION IN DOING ITS SHARE TO WIN THIS WAR.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE ALL HANDS ON A JOB "WELL DONE". I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

J. B. Hill
J. B. HILL
LT. COMDR., USNR
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

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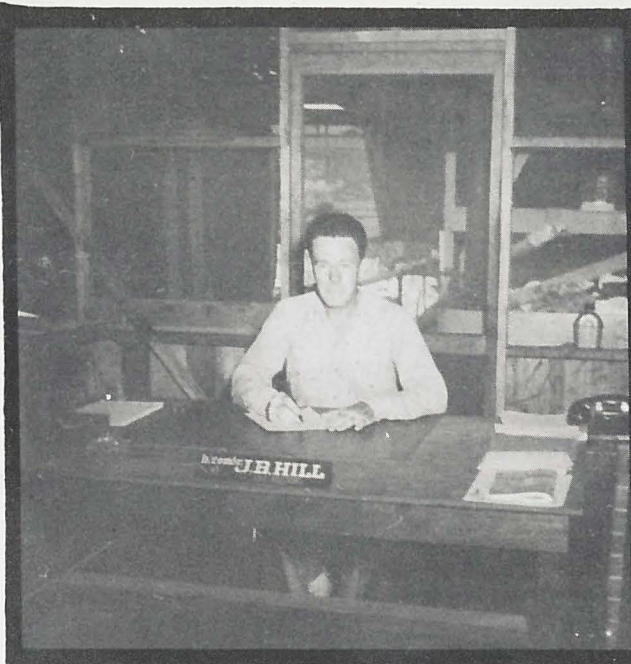
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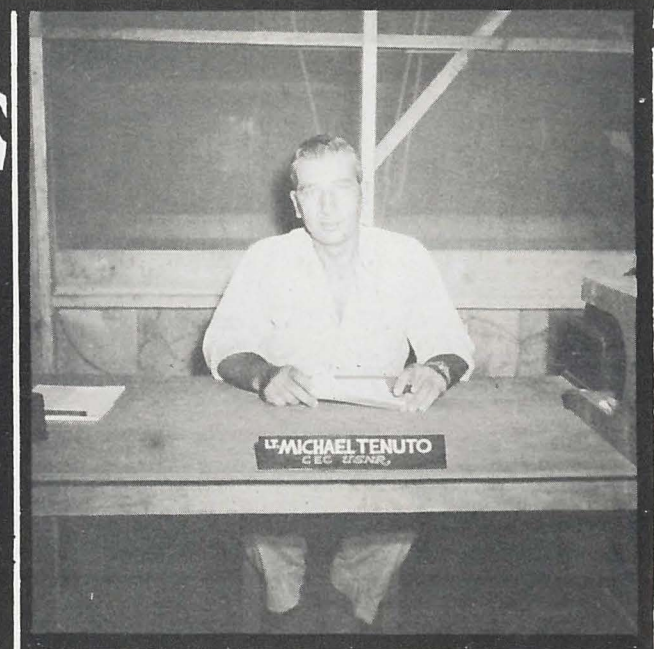
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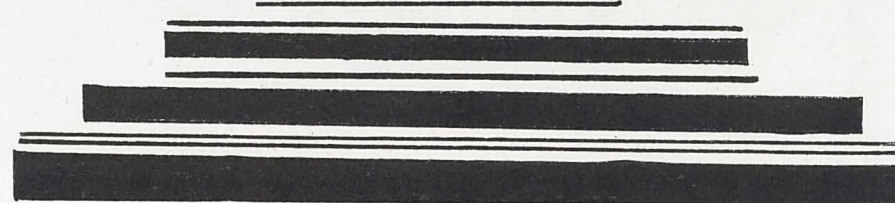
THE "SKIPPER" AND THE "EXEC."



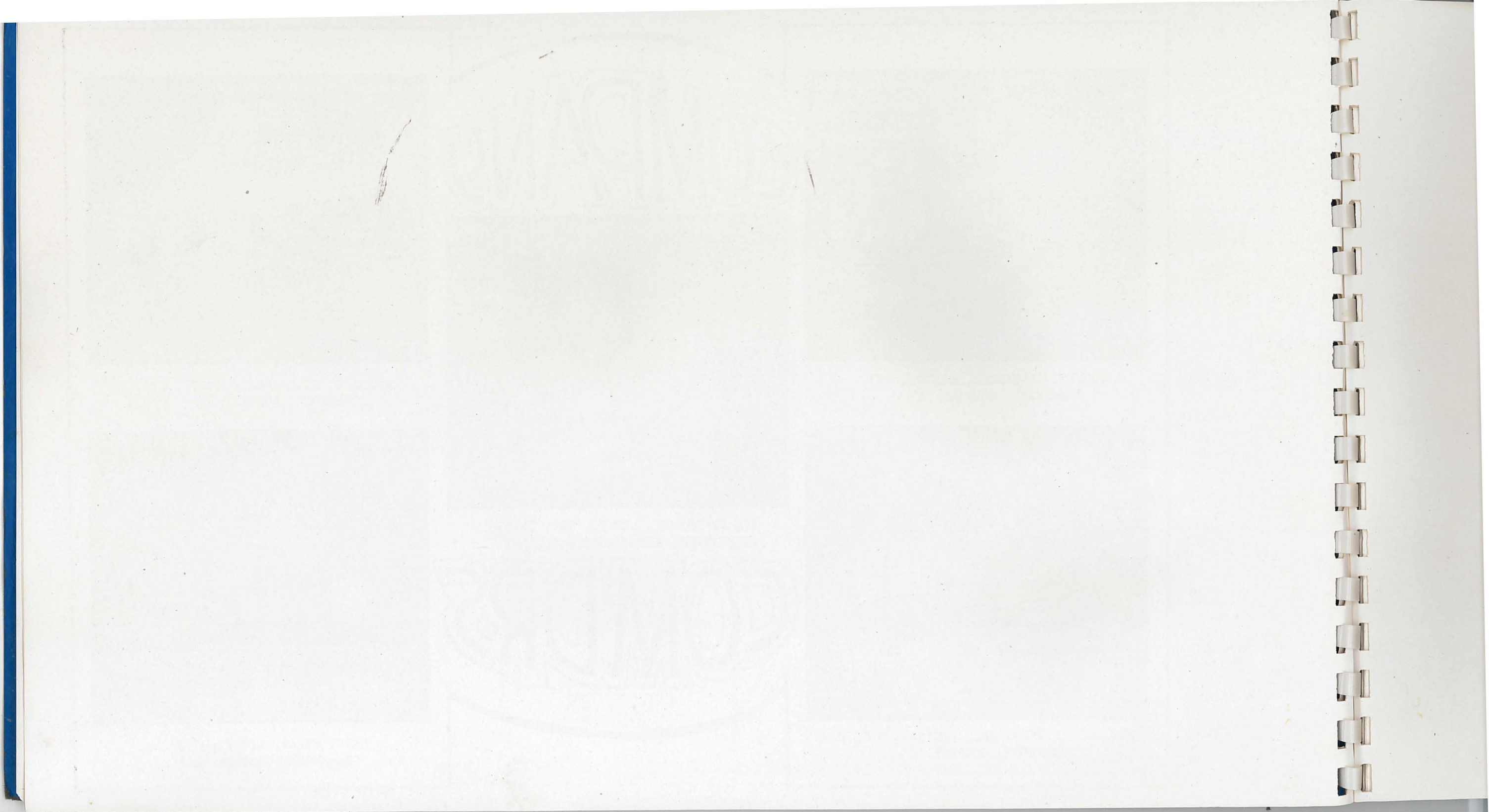
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER



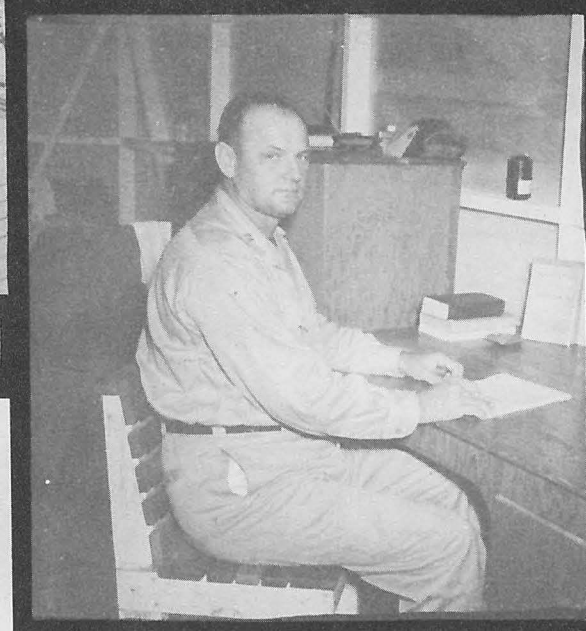
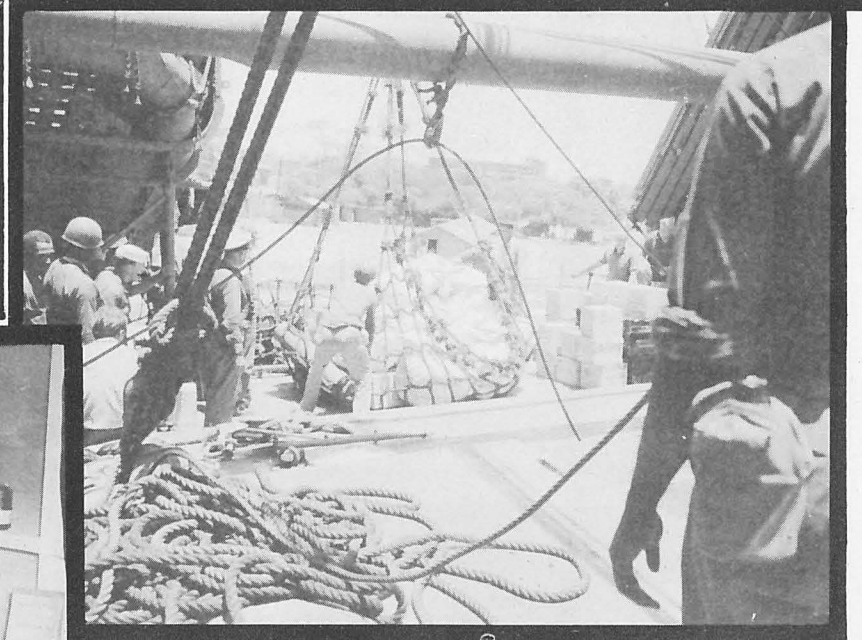
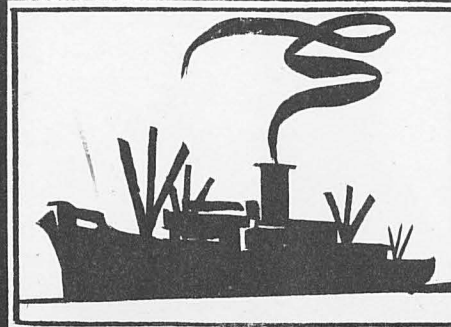
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ANYTIME.....

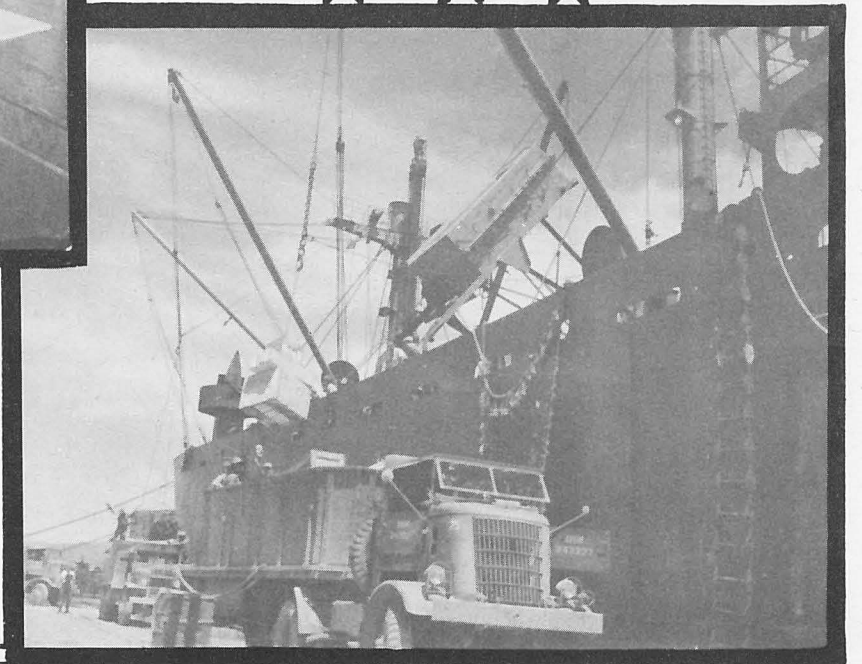
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CHARLIE CRAWFORD
LIEUT., USN

IN CHARGE OF
STEVEDORING OPERATIONS

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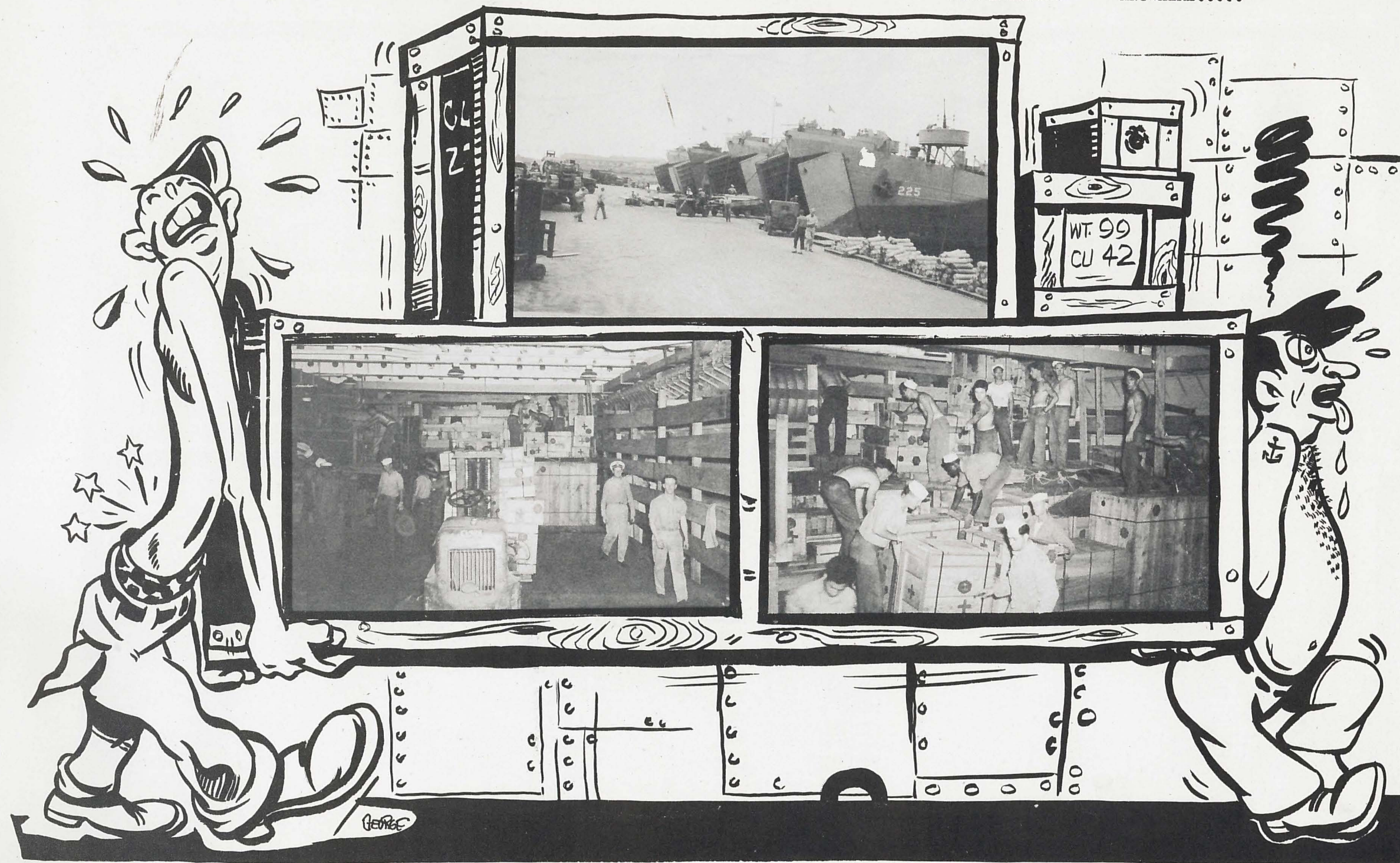




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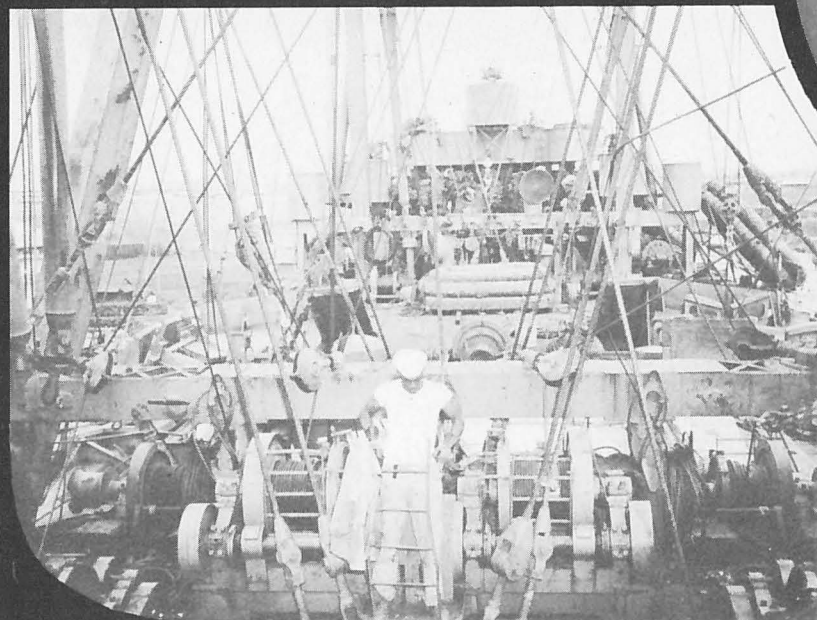
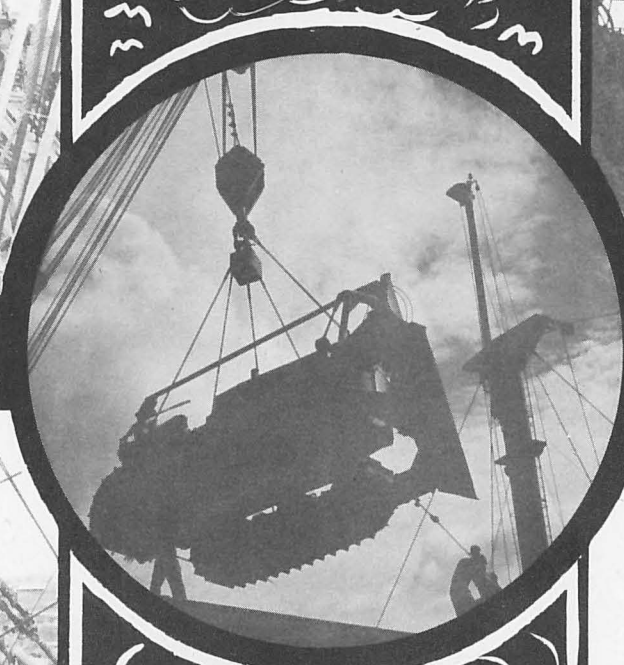
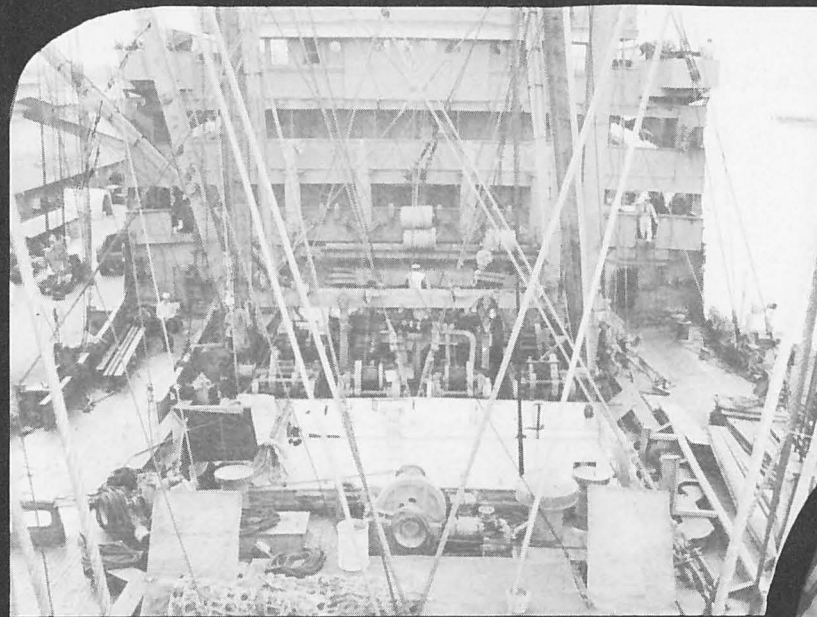
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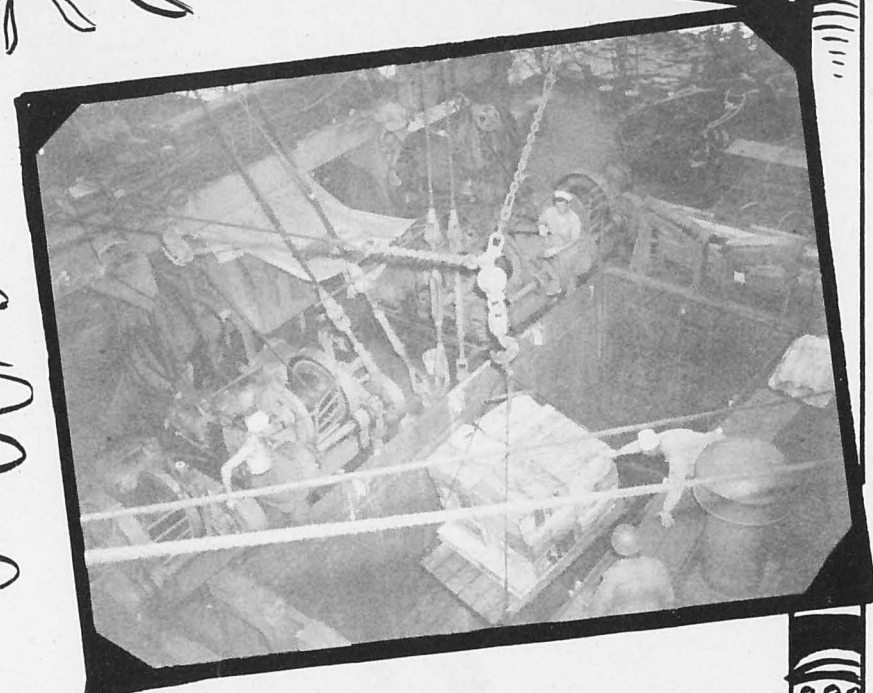
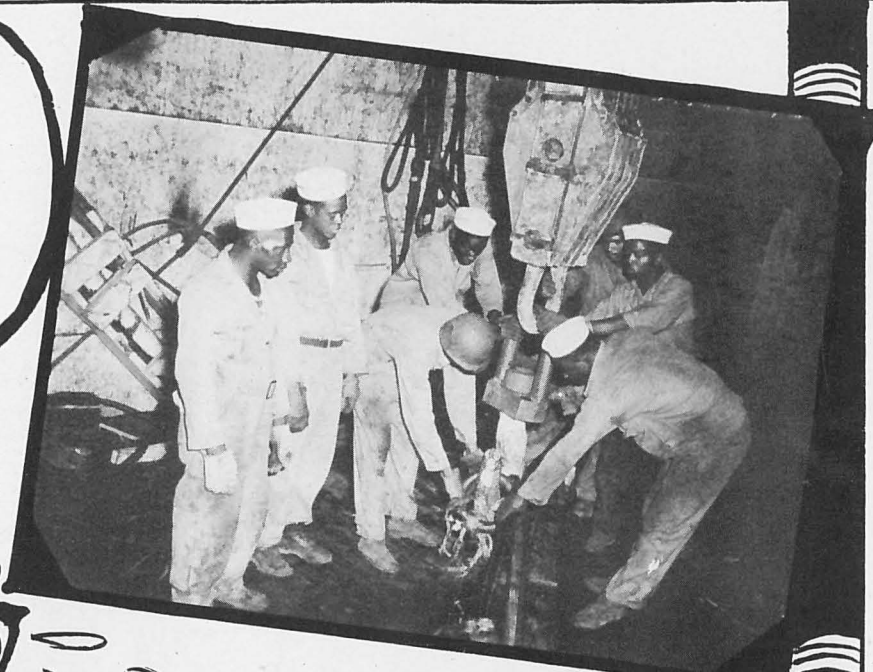
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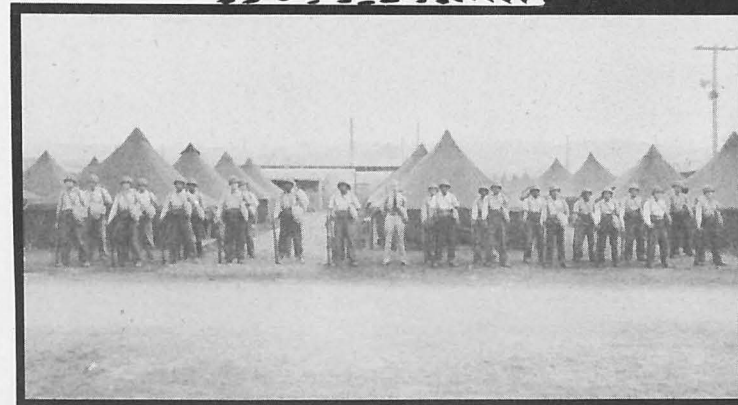
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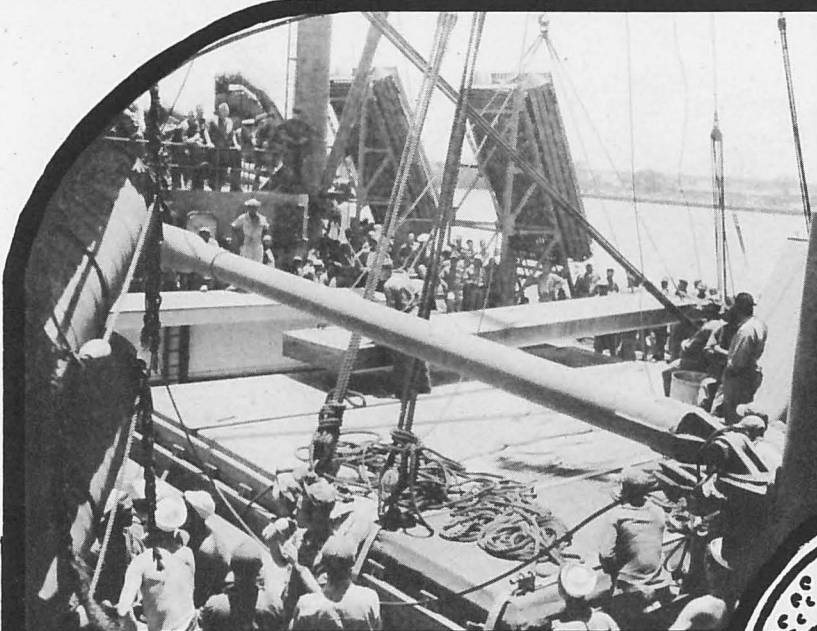


MARSHALL ISLANDS

ENIWETOK ATOLL



JUST SO YOU WON'T FORGET THE TIME SPENT ON TRANSPORTS...AND...YOU WON'T...





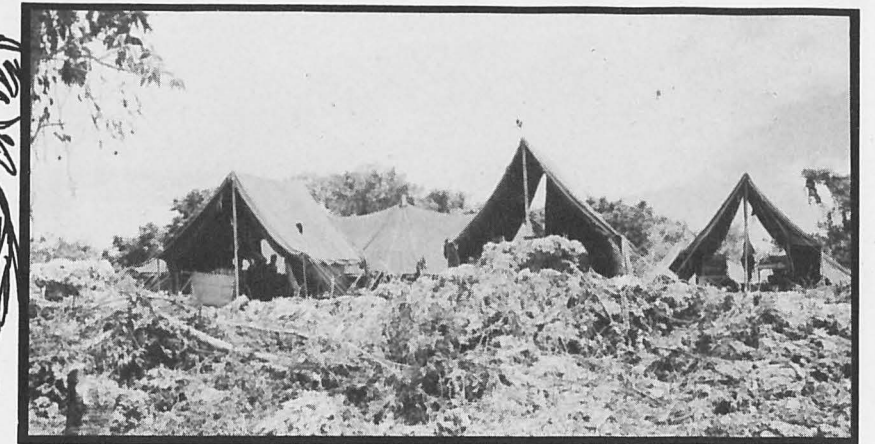
!! AND SO....WE LANDED!!

GUAM 1944

AREA CONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPEMENT



OUR FIRST DAYS IN THE MARIANAS....
WERE DAYS OF HURRY AND HUSTLE....



AREA CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPEMENT.....



CORAL
CUT-UP



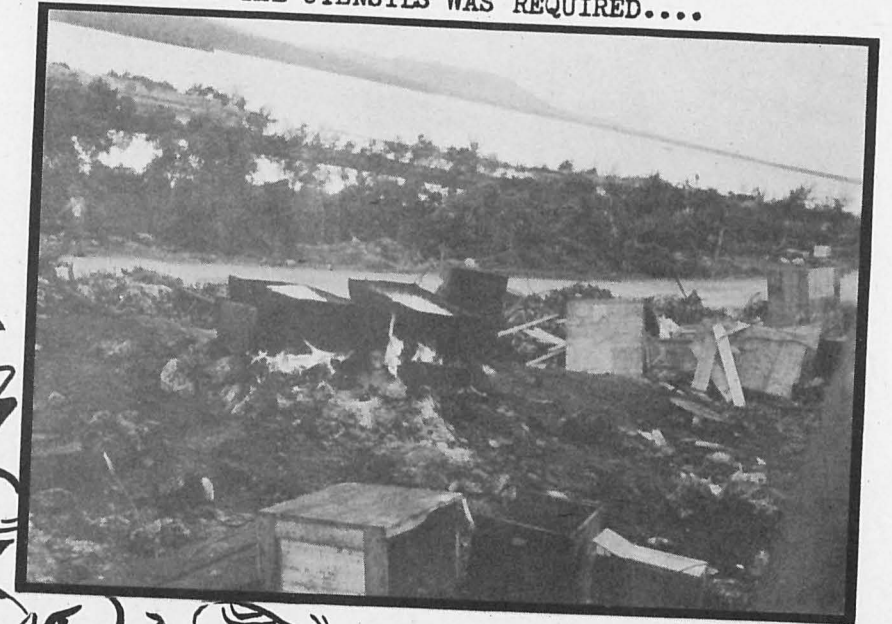
RUGGED...BUT STILL IMPROVING.....



K & C RATIONS, COFFEE AND CANNED FRUIT....



BOILING THE UTENSILS WAS REQUIRED....



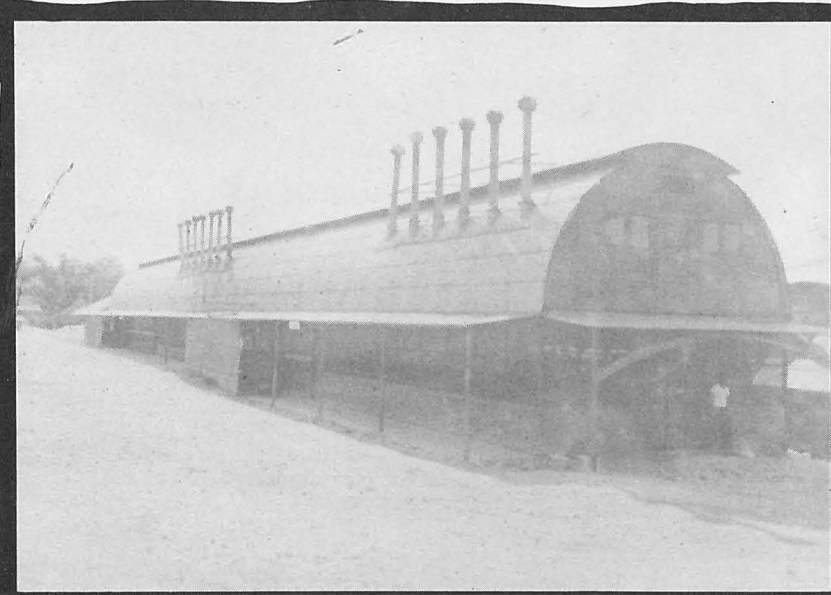
INSTALLING REEFERS FOR FOOD PRESERVATION!!!



TEMPORARY MESS-HALL INSTALLATION!!!

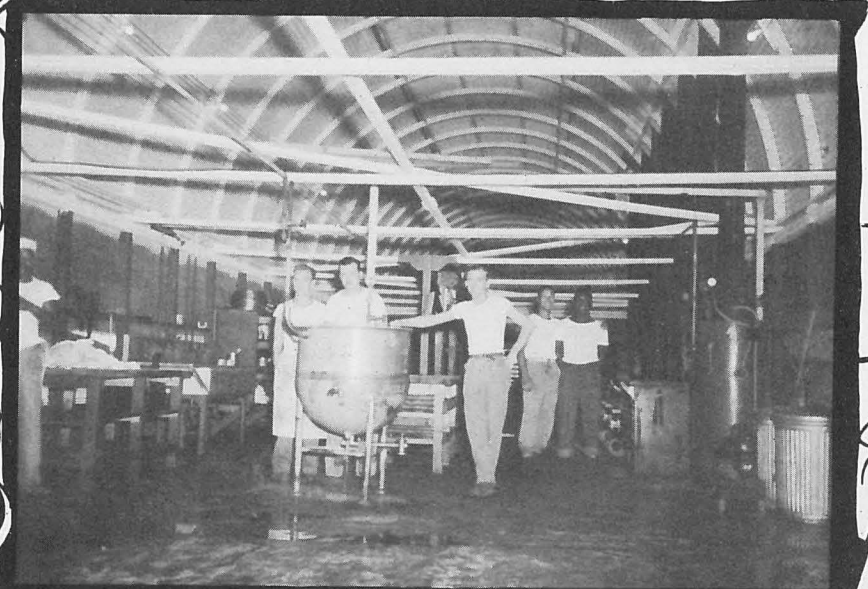
YAKKITY
and
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OUR PRESENT GALLEY....



FOOD
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STUFF

THE GALLEY AND THE CREW ON WATCH.....



MEAT
LOAF

BATTERY
ACID

BREAD

SALMON
BRELON

COFFEE

MUTTON

C-RATION STEW

SPAM

VIENNA
SAUSAGE

COLD-CUTS

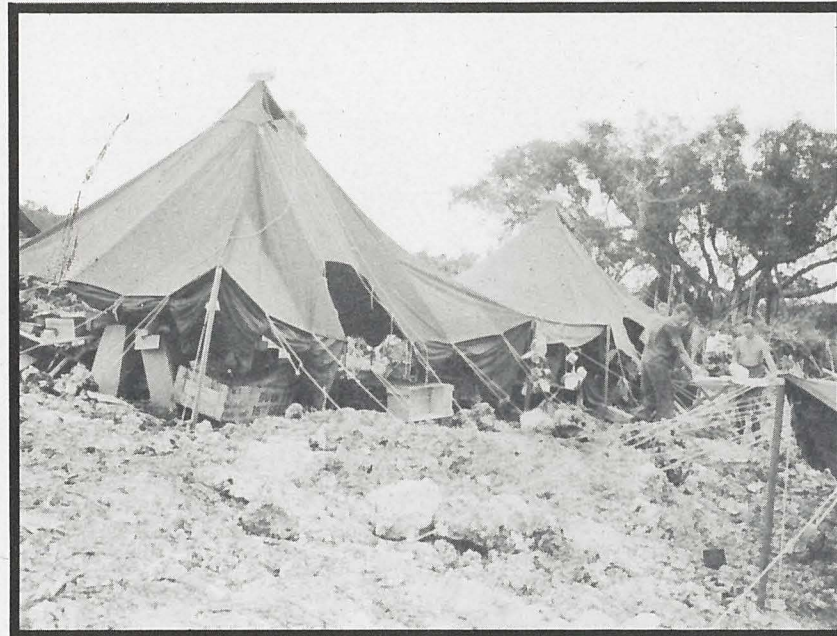
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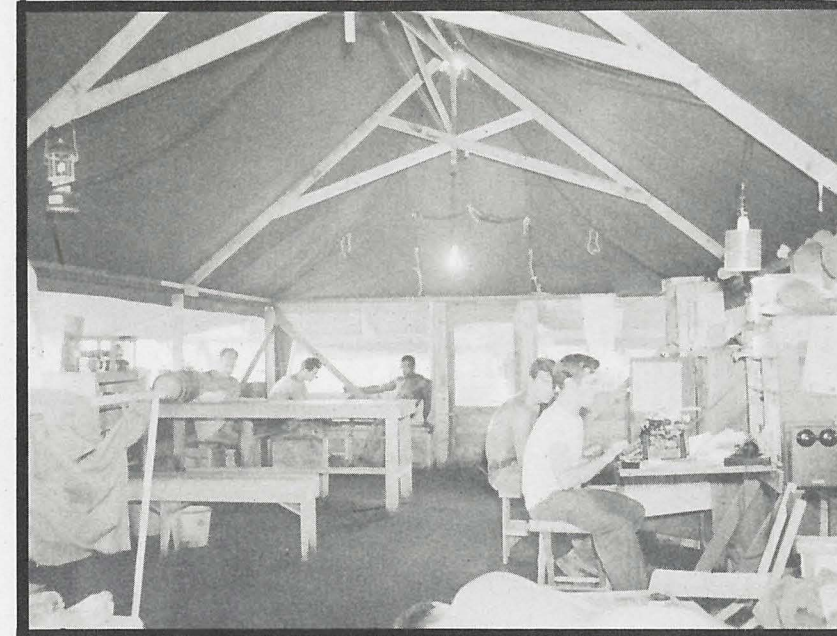
THE BUTCHER SHOP AND THE CREW ON WATCH.....



THE BAKE SHOP AND THE CREW ON WATCH.....



PREPARING THE TEMPORARY SICK BAY...

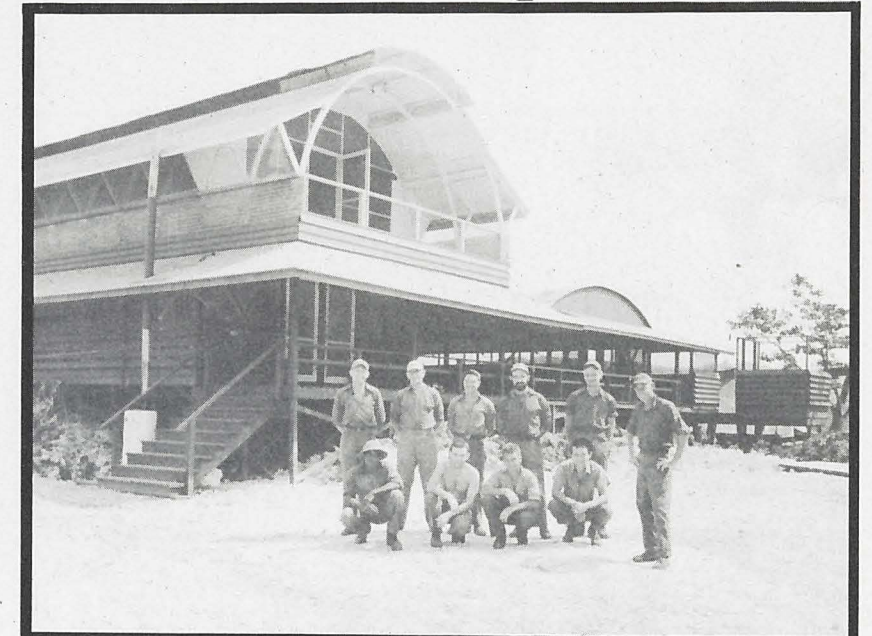


INTERIOR OF THE OLD SICK BAY....

UPON LANDING ON GUAM....
THE MEDICAL CORPSMEN LOST
NO TIME IN MAKING
MEDICAL CARE AVAILABLE
TO OVER 1,000 OFFICERS
AND MEN.....



PRESENT SICK BAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION....



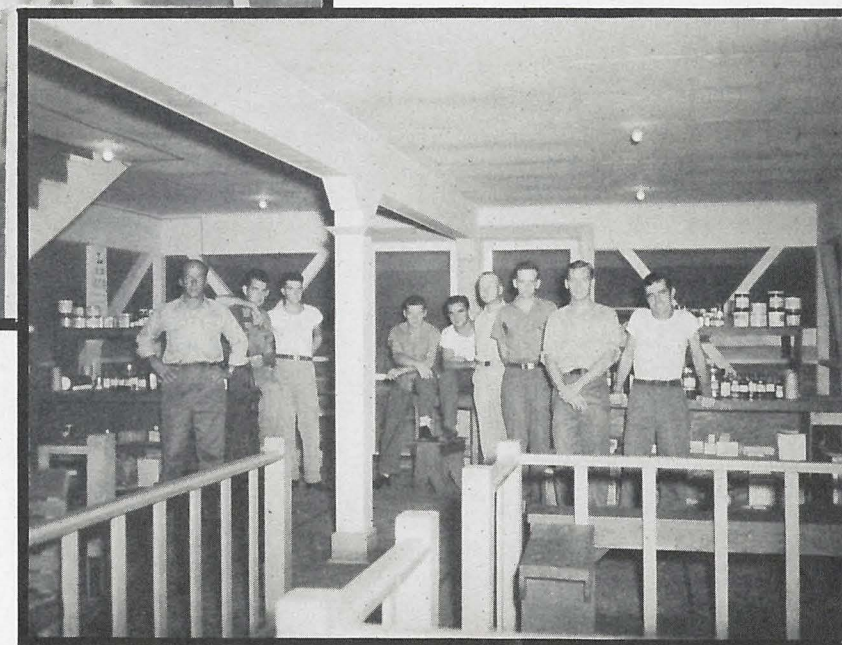
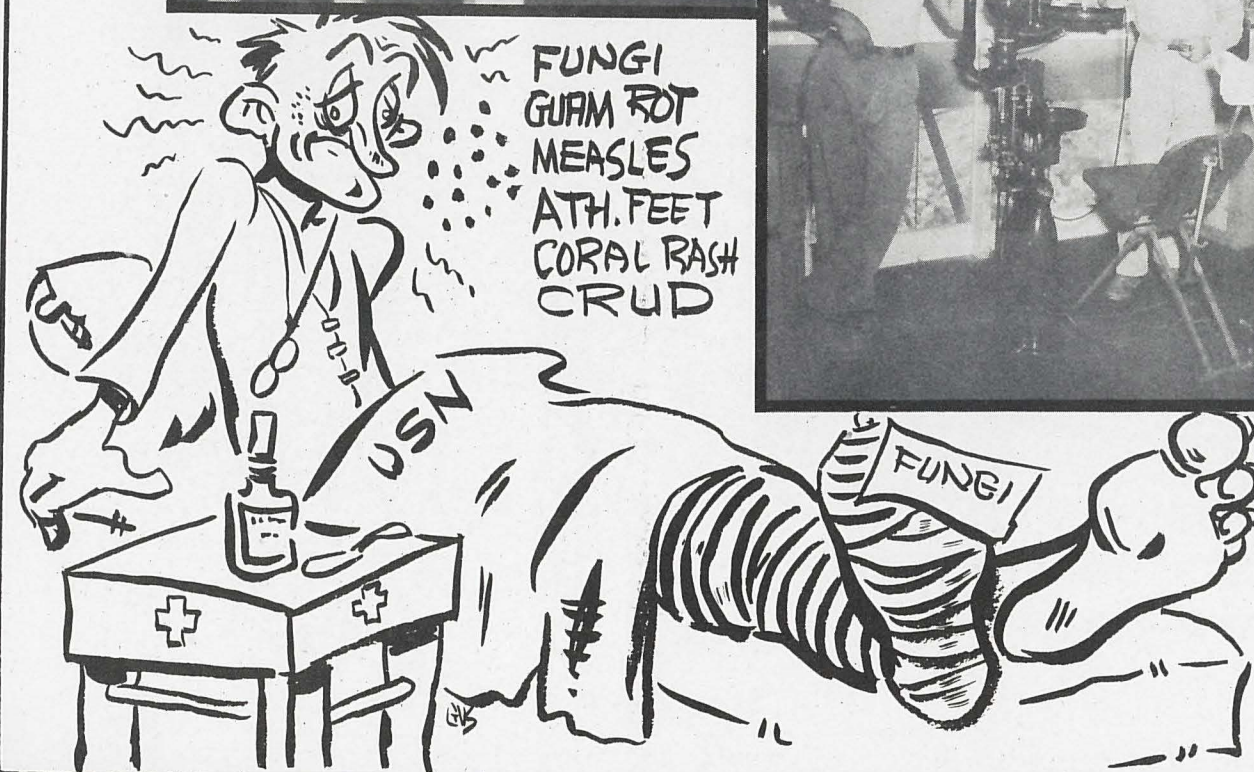
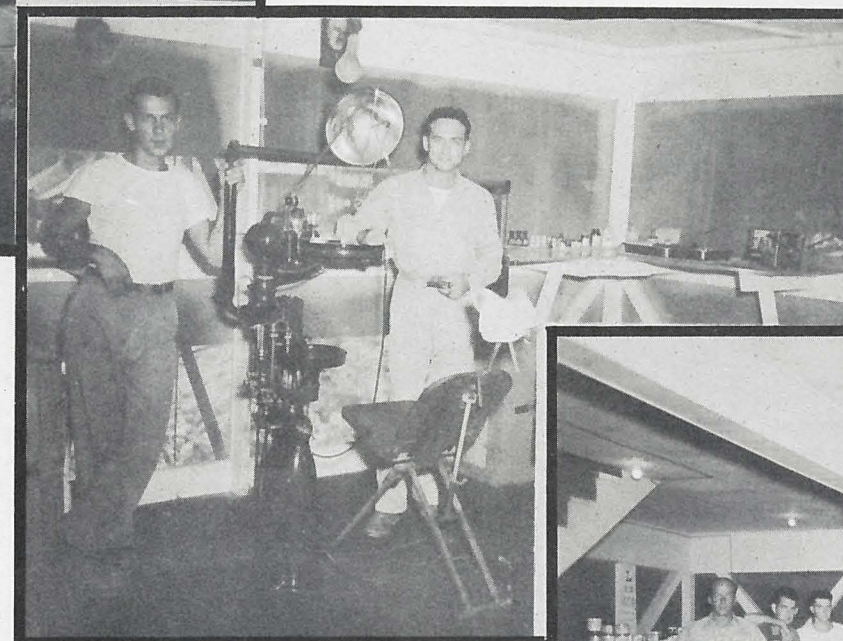
CONSTRUCTION AND CARPENTER CREW AND THEIR
FINISHED PRODUCT.....



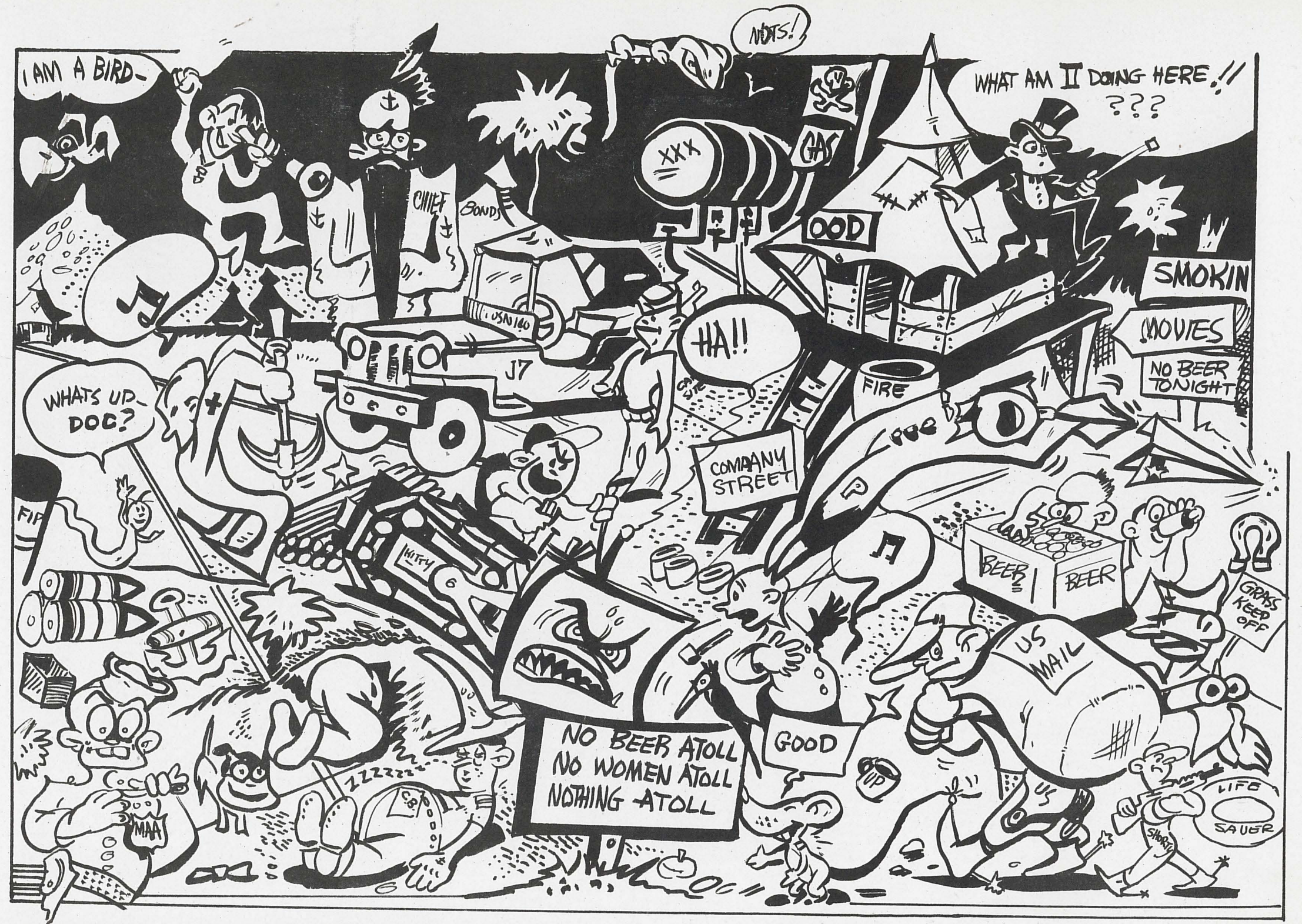
THOMAS J. SHUTT,
LIEUT., MC, USNR
and
JOHN N. MC NAIR,
LIEUT., MC, USNR



MORTON G. MORRIS,
LIEUT., DC, USNR
and ASSISTANT
IN
DENTAL OFFICE



THESE CORPSMEN TEND THE HALT, THE LAME AND THE BLIND....

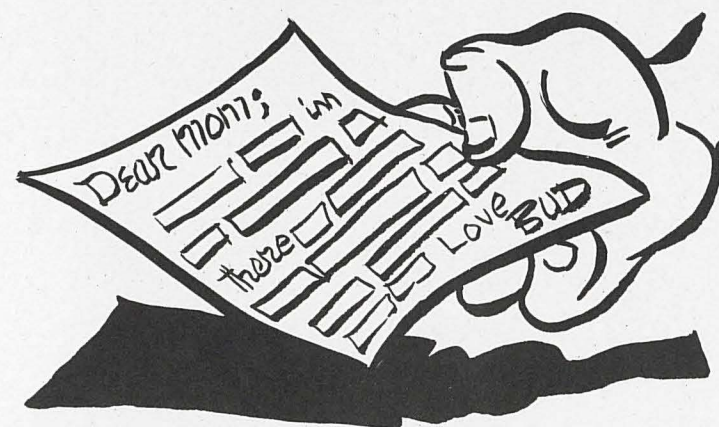




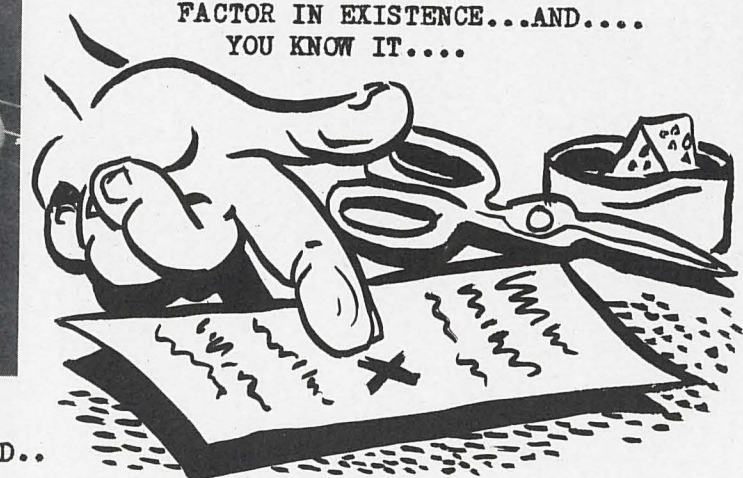
THE OFFICE OF THE OFFICER OF THE DAY...
VITAL TO THE BATTALION'S SECURITY...
AND WELL-BEING.....



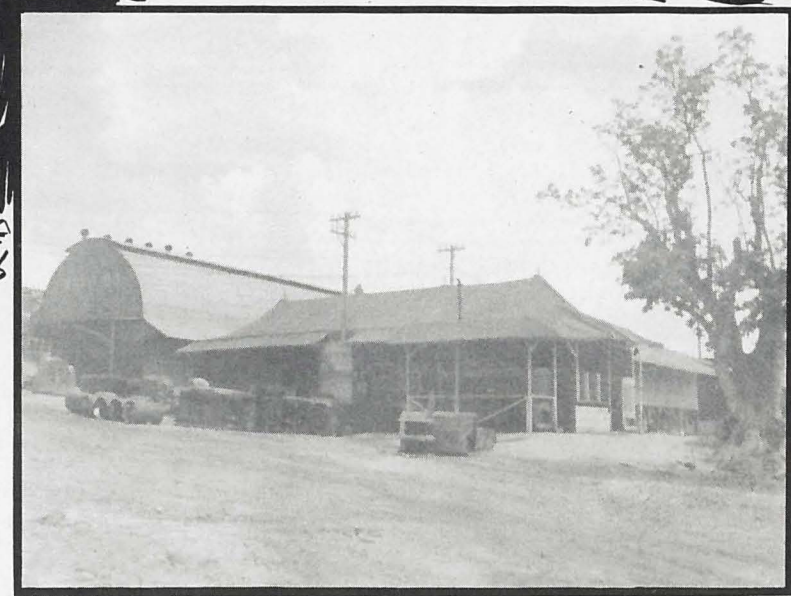
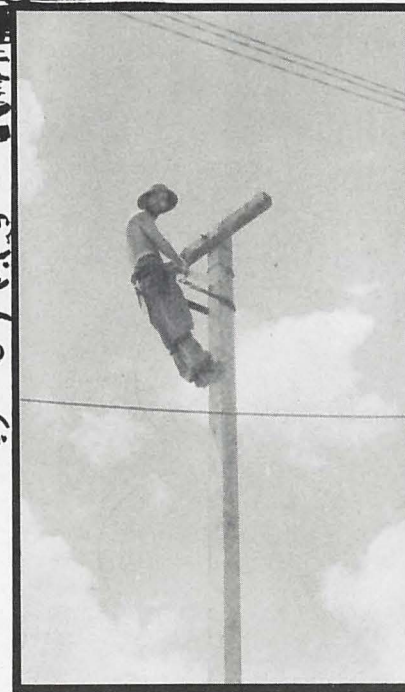
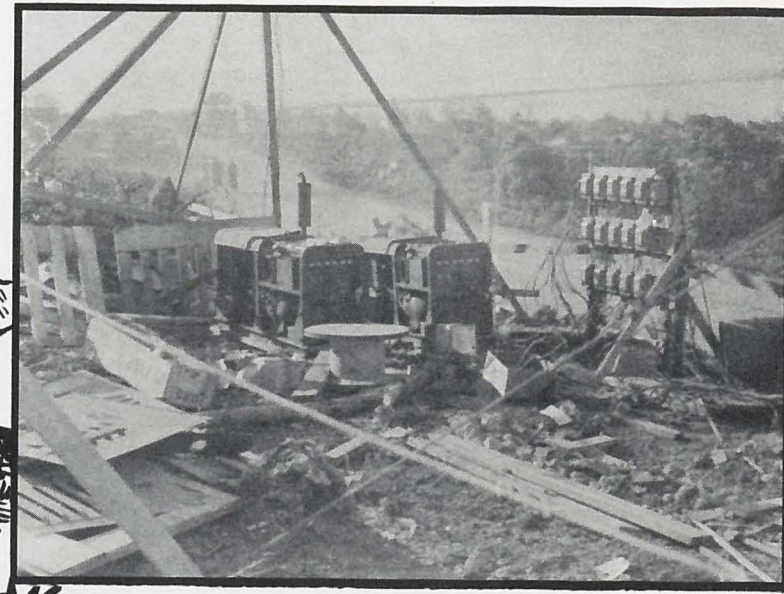
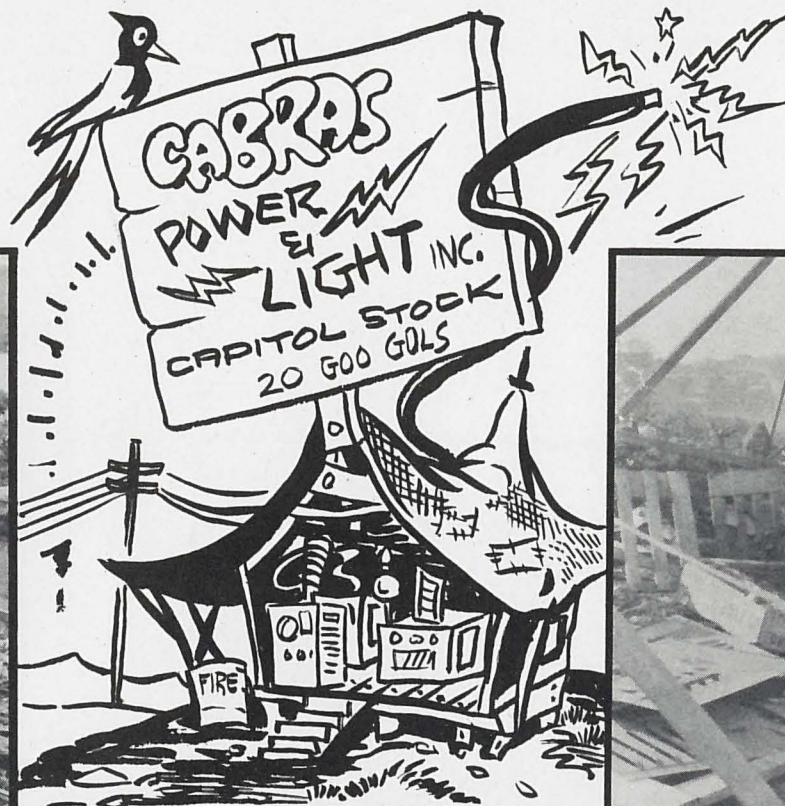
THIS WAS THE POST OFFICE UPON FIRST
LANDING.....



THE POST OFFICE AS IT IS TODAY.....
LARGEST SINGLE MORALE BUILDING
FACTOR IN EXISTENCE...AND....
YOU KNOW IT.....



CENSOR'S OFFICE
INDISCREET REVELATIONS ARE RUTHLESSLY ERADICATED..





PLUMBING SHOP AND THE SEVEN HUGE WATER RESERVOIRS...

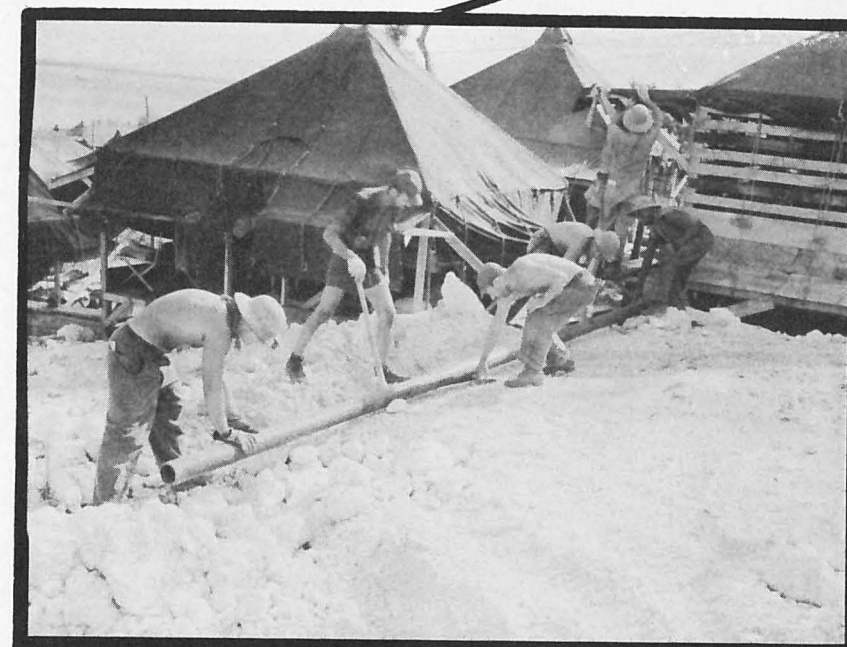


TANK TRUCKS THAT SUPPLY THE RESERVOIRS BY BRINGING WATER FROM OTHER POINTS ON THE ISLAND...

WATER! WATER, EVERYWHERE, BUT NOT A DROP TO DRINK!!!

THE TREMENDOUS PROBLEM OF SUPPLYING THE BATTALION WITH SUFFICIENT WATER FOR ALL NEEDS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH VIGOR BY BATTALION SHIPFITTERS.....

MAINTENANCE CREW AT WORK....



WATER



GARAGE *OLD* TRANSPORTATION

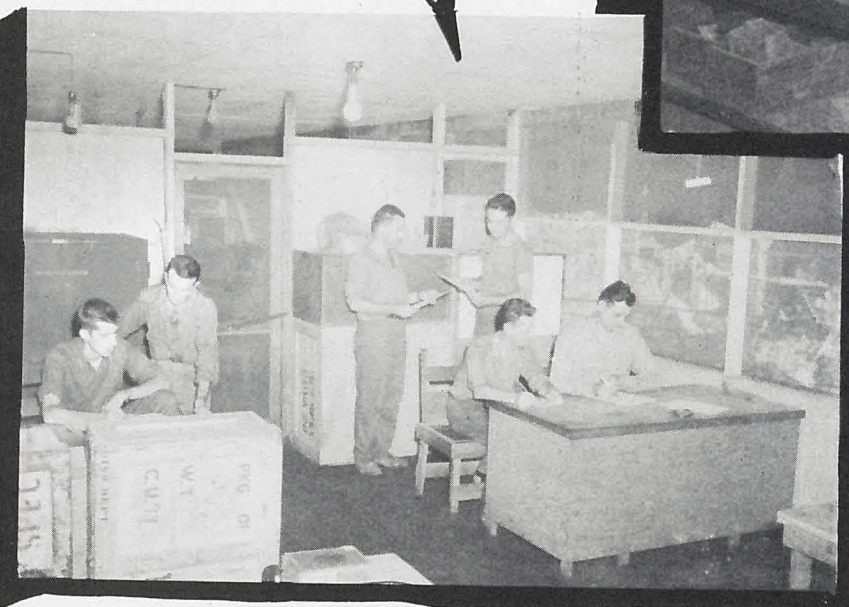
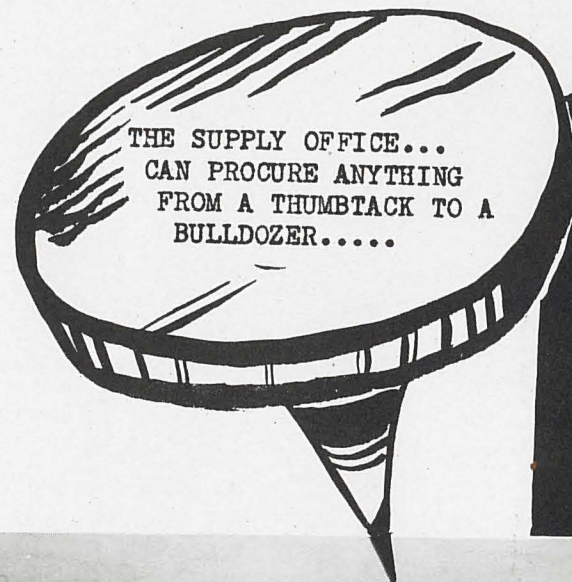
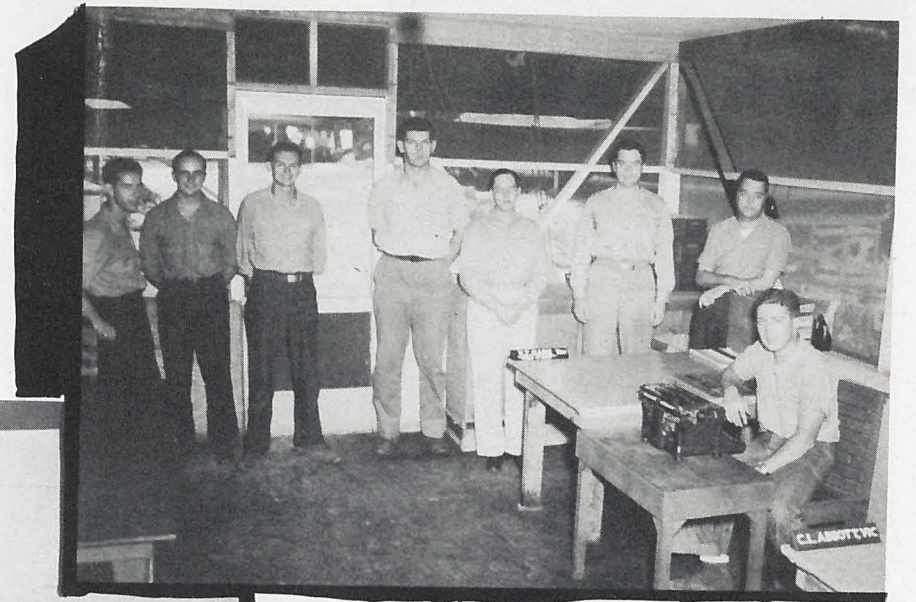
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INDISPENSABLE LINK IN THE AUTOMOTIVE
AND TRUCKING SYSTEM....

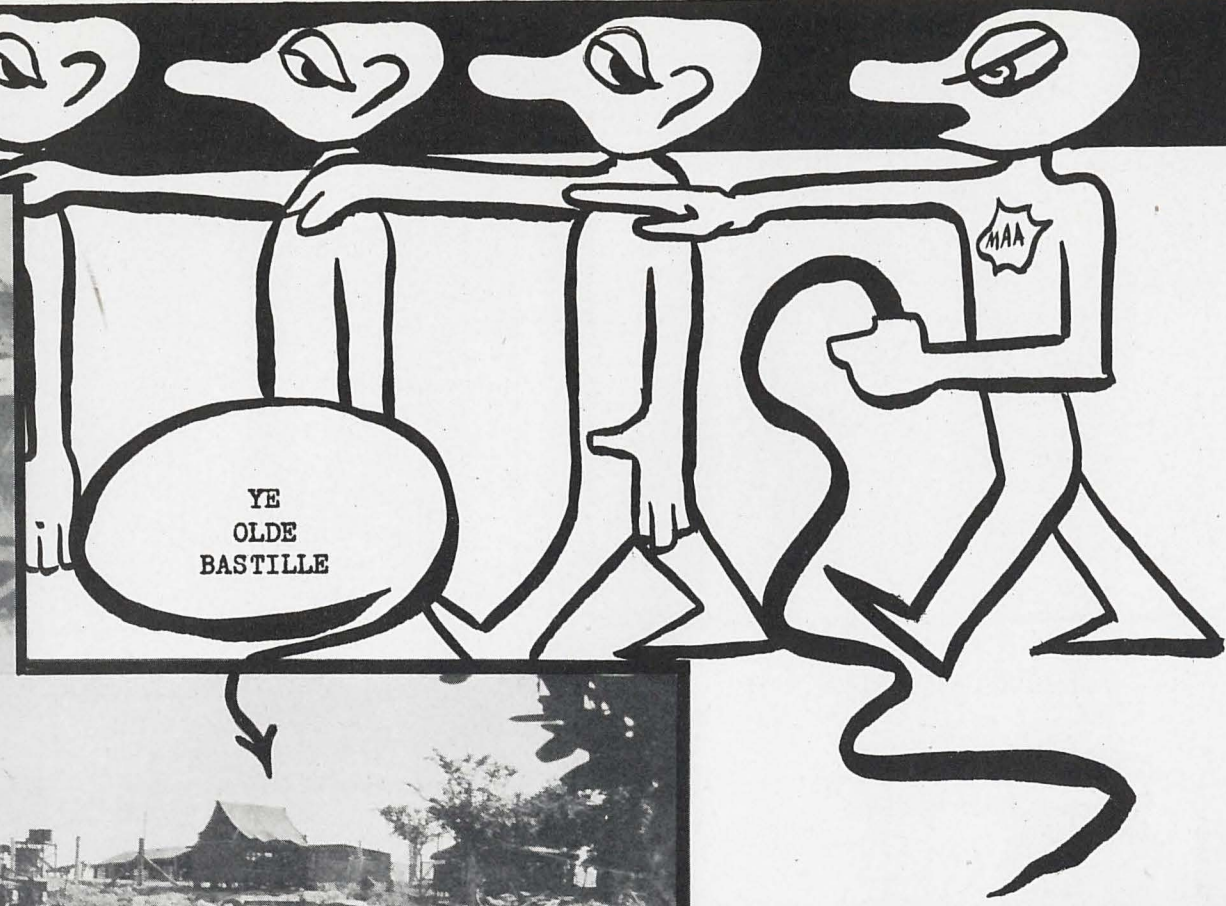
THE ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL OFFICE.....

THE BOSS'S OFFICE..PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION..SERVICE RECORDS..
MAST PUNISHMENTS AND COURTS-MARTIAL (WATCH IT, JOE!)...GENERAL
BATTALION ORDERS...BUPERS AND GENERAL REPORTS...LEAVES..TRANSFERS..
ROTATION AND REHABILITATION (BUT, WHEN?).....



THE DISBURSING OFFICE.....
HANDLES ALL MATTERS OF
PAY AND DISBURSEMENT.....

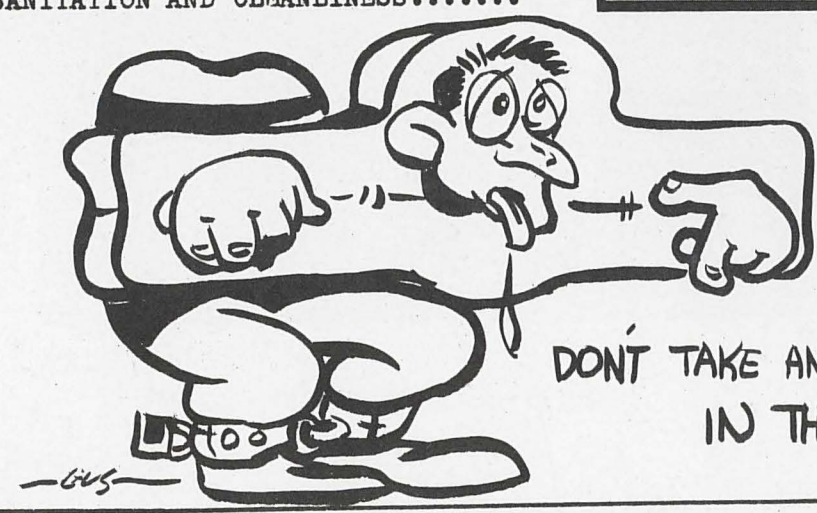




MASTERS-AT-ARMS OF THE AREA.....
 THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THESE MEN IS
 THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW, ORDER AND
 SECURITY. SECONDARY..BUT JUST AS
 IMPORTANT IS THE SUPERVISION OF AREA
 SANITATION AND CLEANLINESS.....

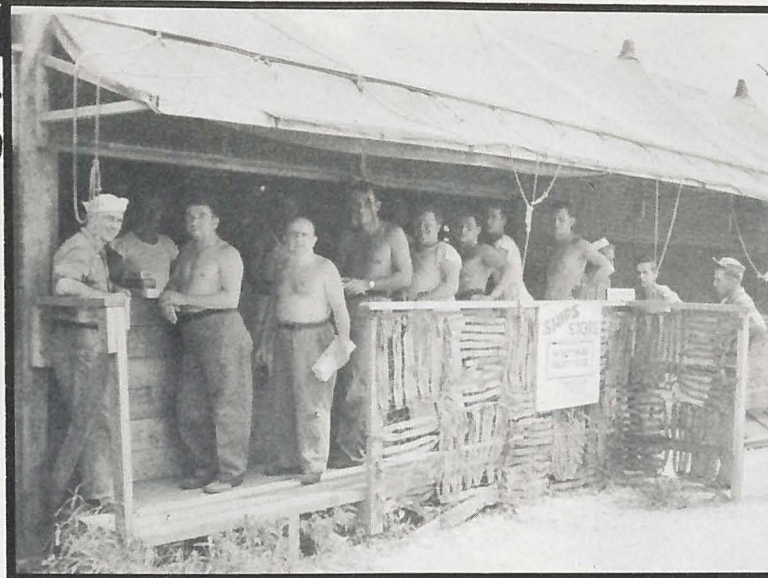


THE SUPPLY YARD OFFICE...
 BATTALION STOCK PILES
 ARE STORED HERE.....



DON'T TAKE ANY STOCK...
 IN THIS-!!!





...SHIP'S STORE...



...BARBER SHOP...



...COBBLER SHOP...

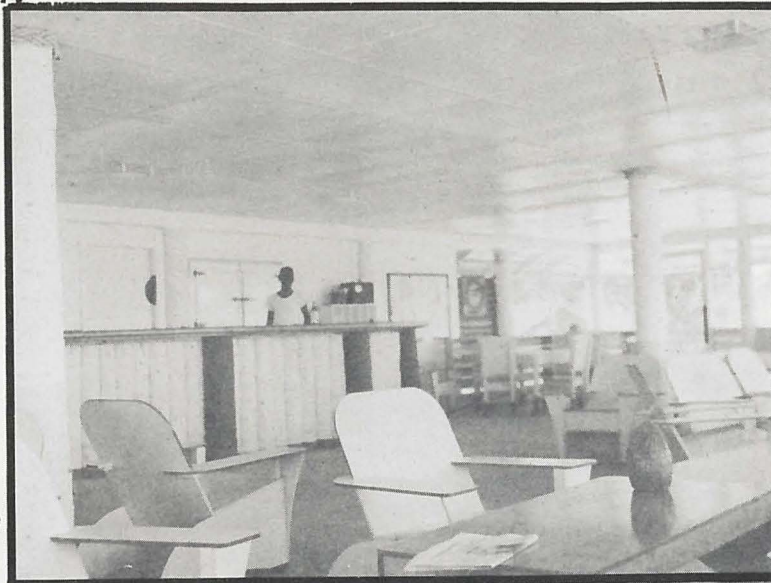


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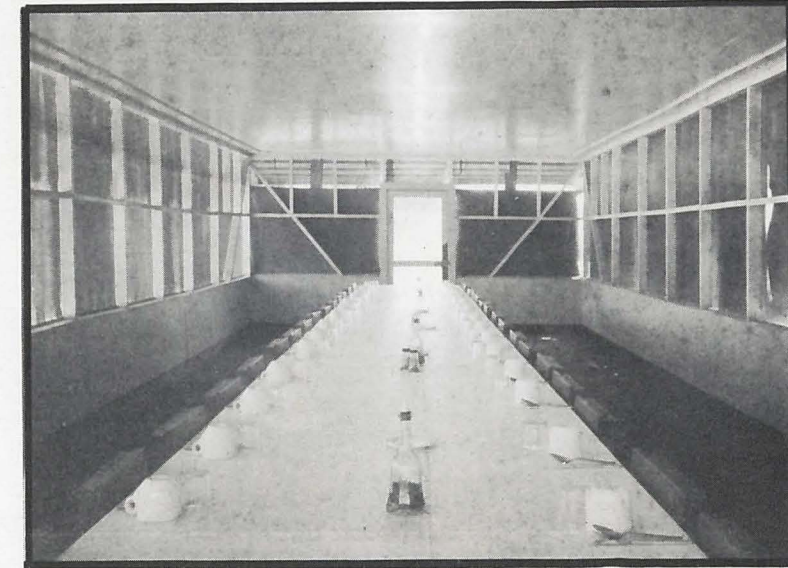


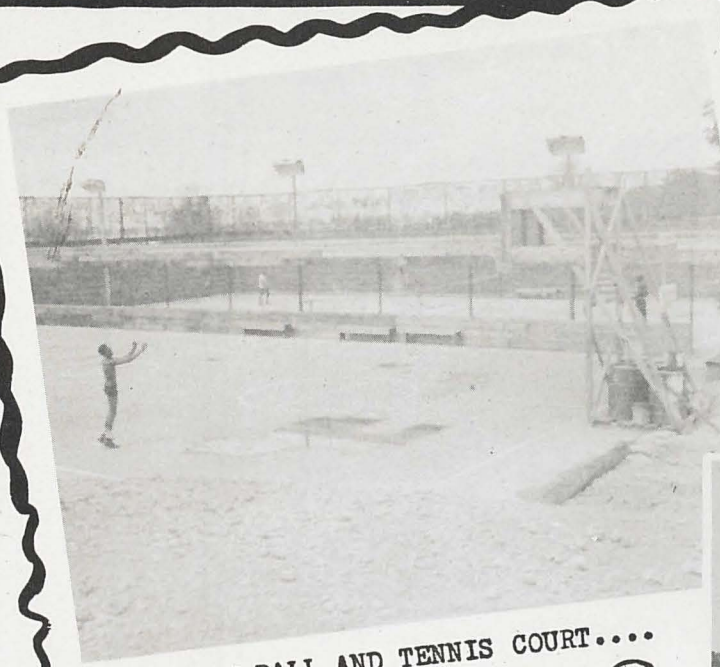
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OFFICER'S MESS



CHIEF'S MESS



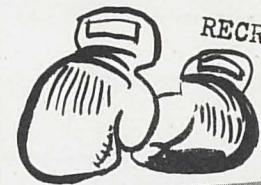


BASKET BALL AND TENNIS COURT.....



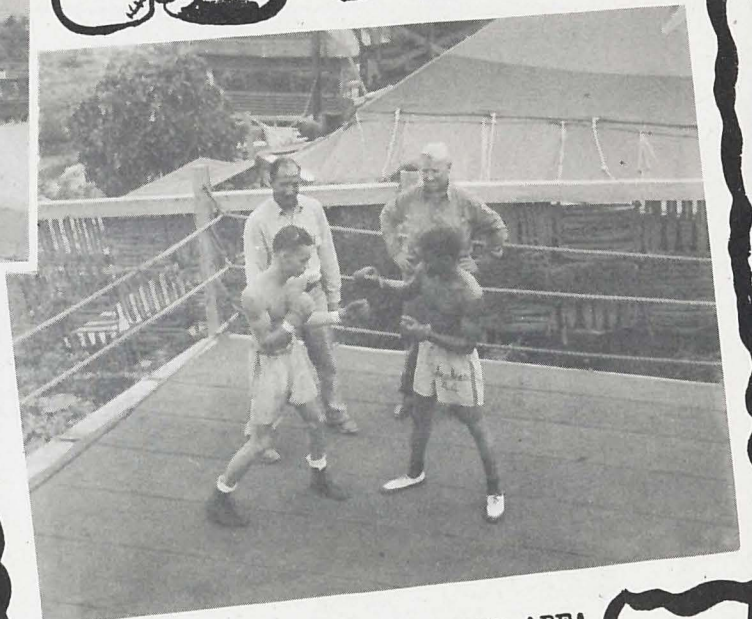
OUR BOXING TEAM.....

RECREATION IS AS ESSENTIAL AS
MAIL OR BEER FOR MORALE.....



RECREATION HALL.....

OUR MOVIE WAS BUILT BY COMPANY C...



TWO MARIANAS AND FORWARD AREA
CHAMPIONS SQUARING OFF.....



CHAPEL IN AIEA



CELEBRATION OF MASS ABOARD SHIP.....



PROTESTANT SERVICE ABOARD SHIP.....



OUR FIRST CHAPEL IN THE MARIANAS...



MEMORIAL CHAPEL
THIS BUILDING NOT ONLY HOUSES THE CHAPEL, BUT
THE LIBRARY AND CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE AS WELL....



INTERIOR CHAPEL PROPER.....

RELIGION MEANS GOOD MORALITY.....

GOOD MORALITY MEANS GOOD MORALE.....

HERE THE SEABEE SOUGHT HIS SANCTUARY.....

OUR CHAPLAIN, JAMES FRANCIS FOLLARD, LIEUT.,
ChC, USNR, GIVES ADVICE AND COUNSEL.....



Memoriam

Dave Francis FOX

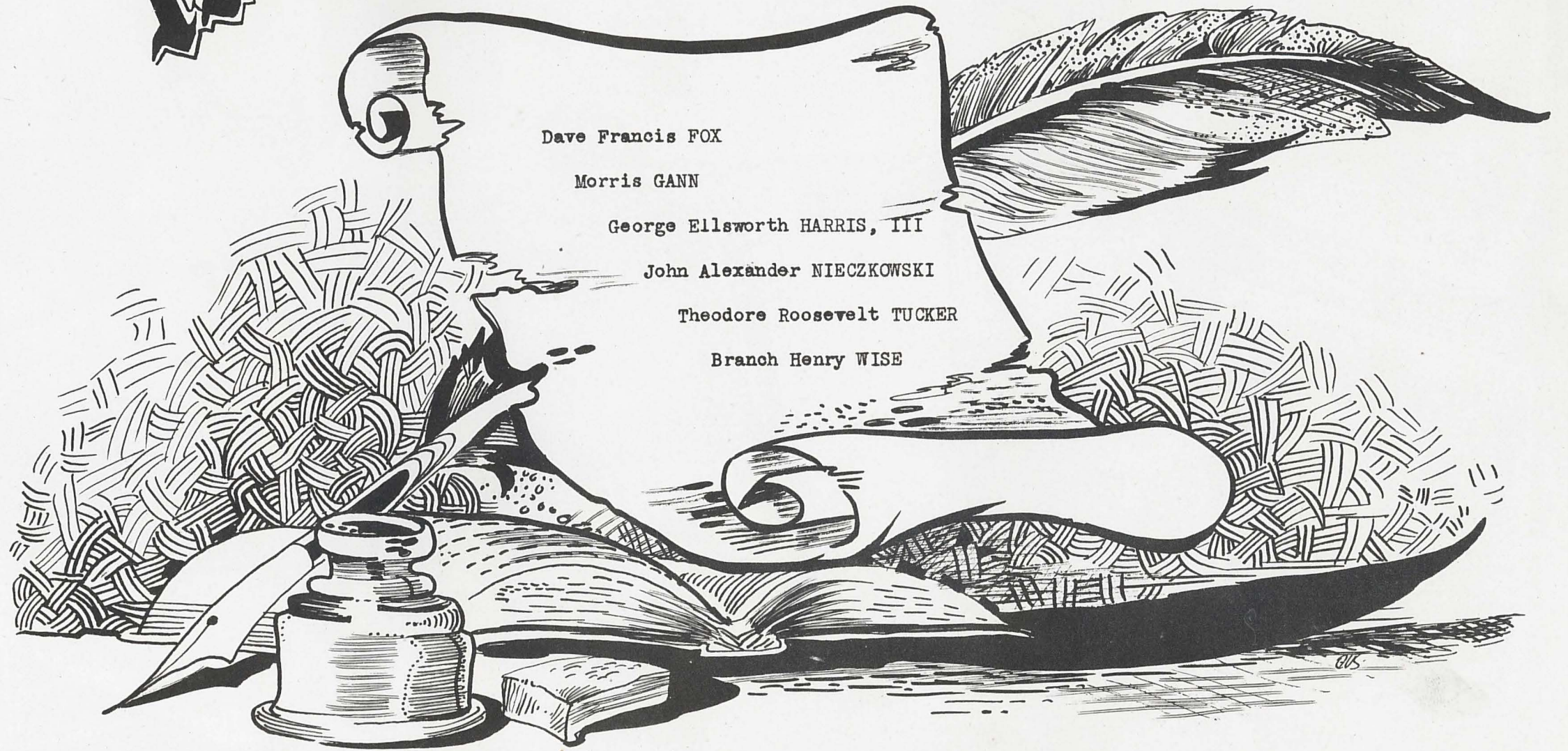
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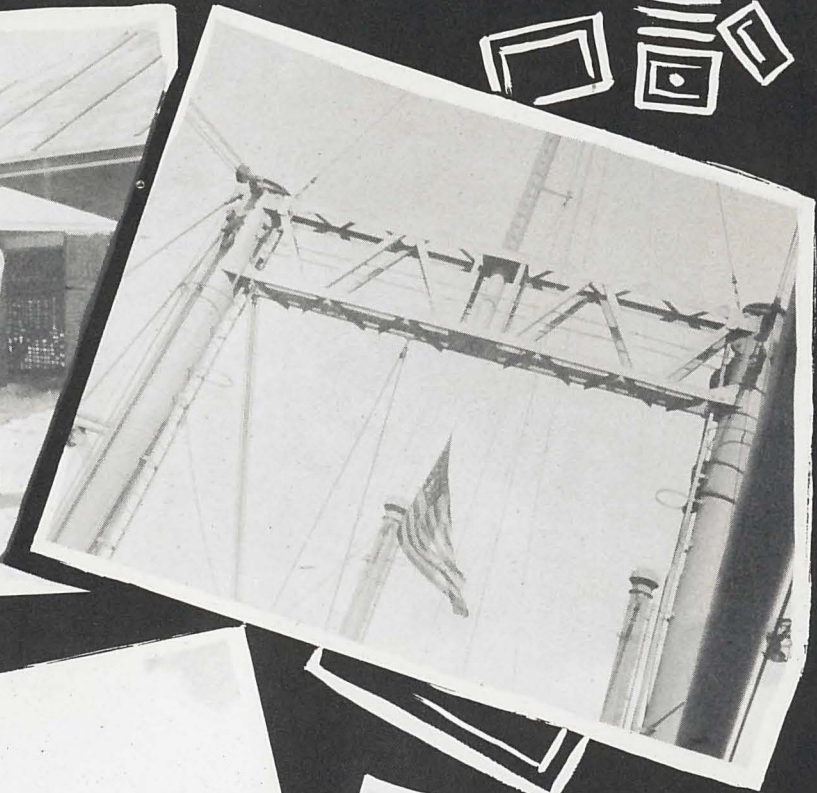
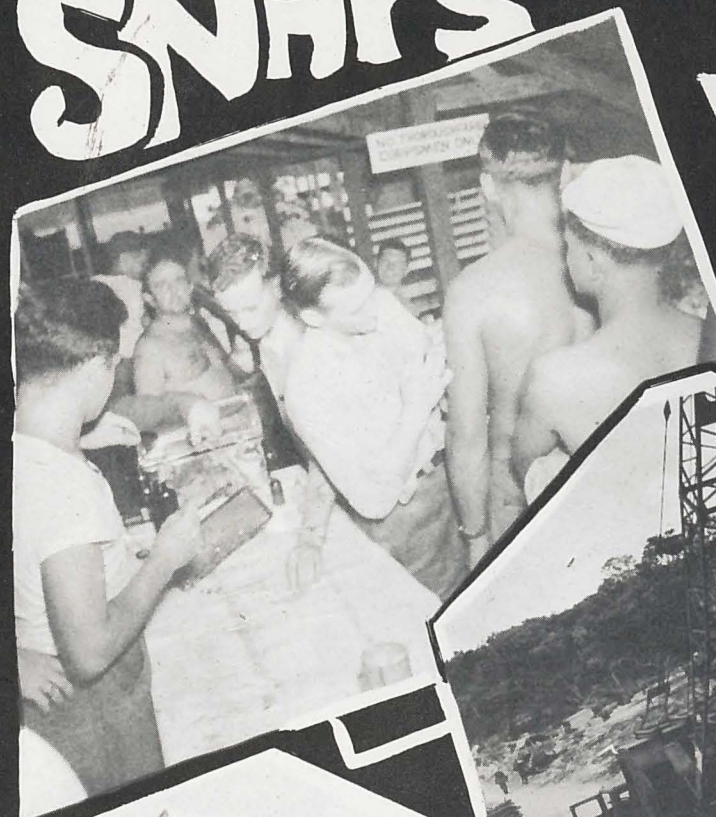
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Theodore Roosevelt TUCKER

Branch Henry WISE

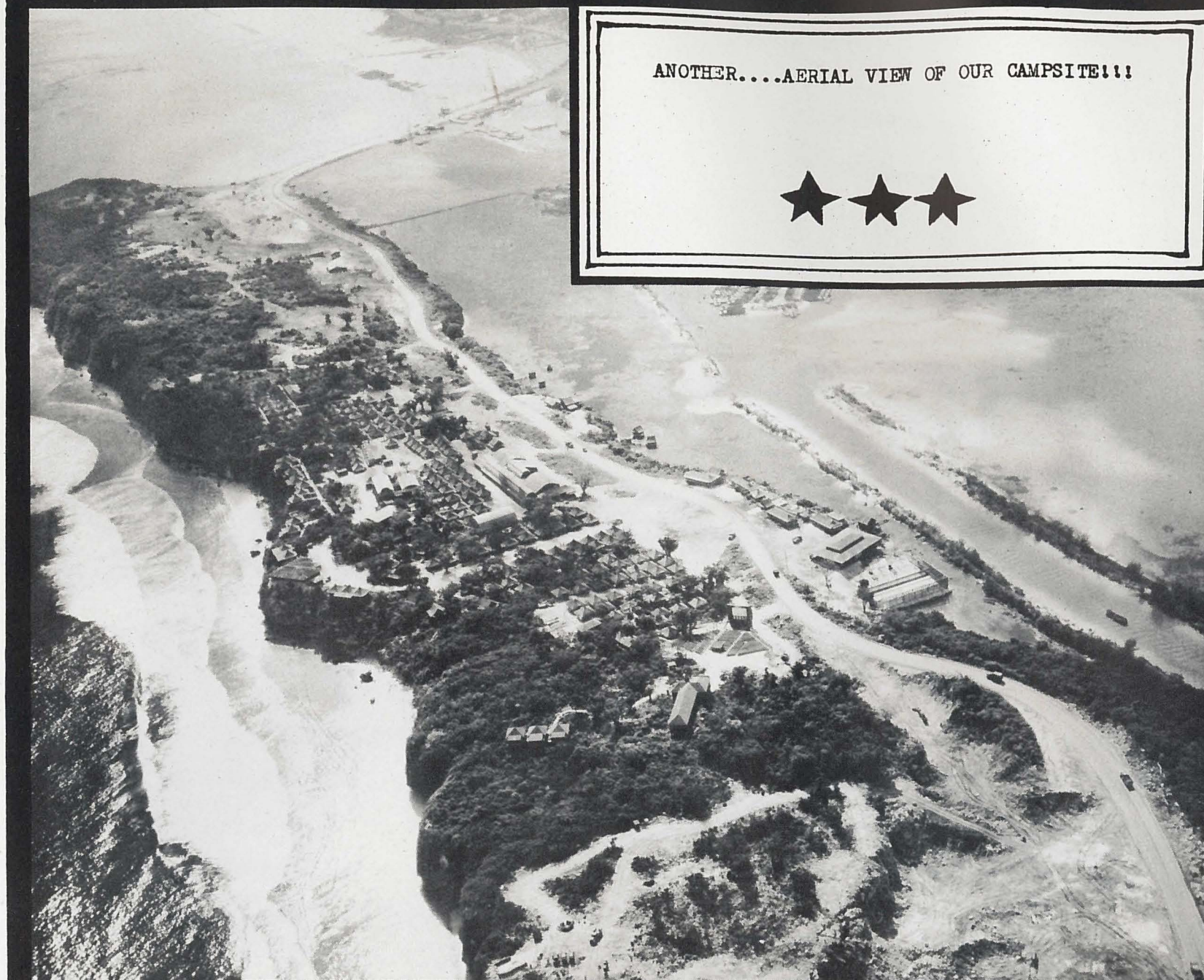


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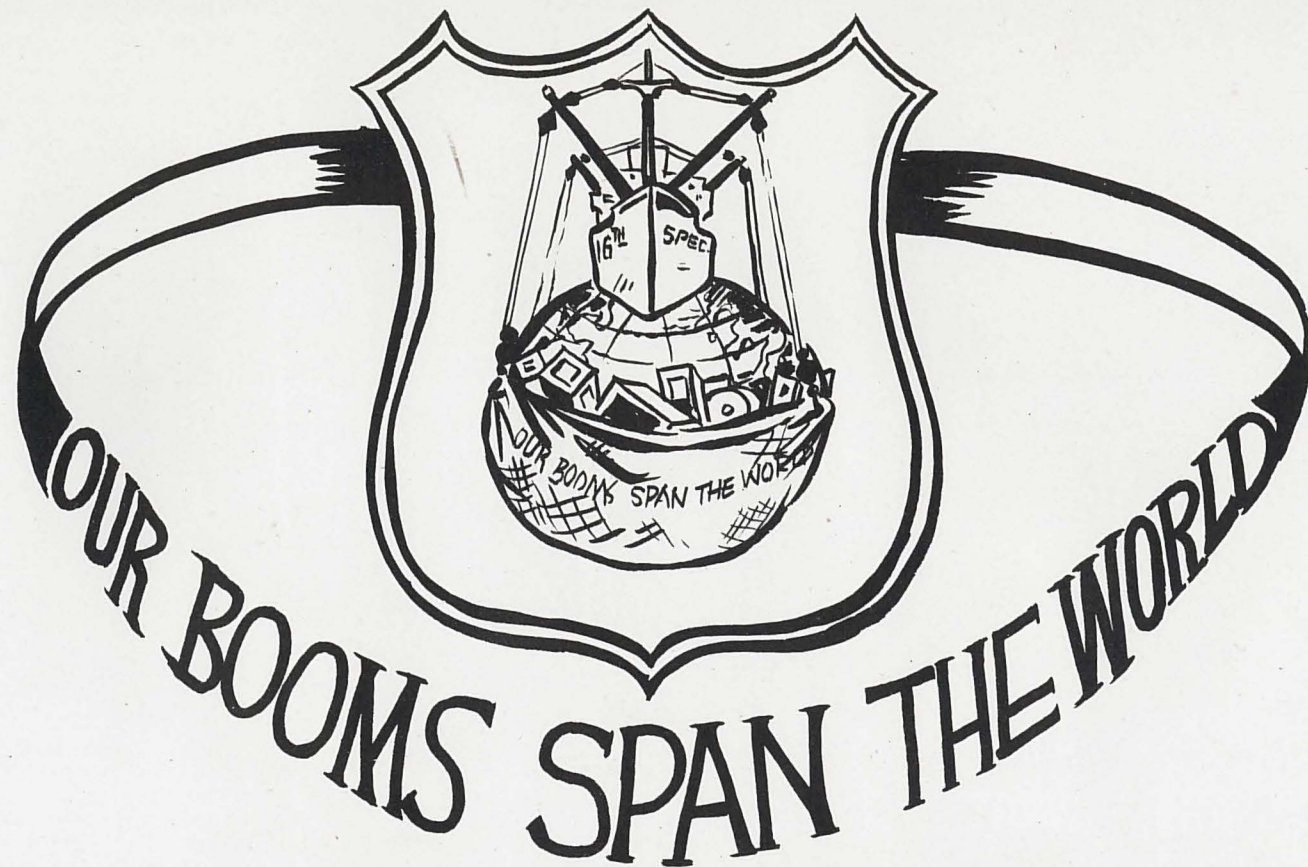
AERIAL VIEW OF OUR CAMPSITE!!!





ANOTHER....AERIAL VIEW OF OUR CAMPSITE!!!





SINCE 29 AUGUST 1943, OUR BOOMS HAVE SPANNED HALF A WORLD...AND WE ARE NOT DONE...WE WILL BE DONE ONLY WHEN OUR COUNTRY HAS ACHIEVED VICTORY! SERVICE OF SUPPLY..STEVEDORING TO US..IS THE TASK ASSIGNED..LITTLE GLORY IS ATTACHED...BUT WE KNOW THIS - THE TIME WE HAVE SPENT GETTING THE RIGHT SUPPLIES - IN THE RIGHT AMOUNT - TO THE RIGHT PLACE - AT THE RIGHT TIME - FOR THE RIGHT MEN - HAS NOT BEEN IN VAIN! FROM THIS..THEN..LET US DRAW OUR MEASURE OF SATISFACTION...THAT OF A JOB WELL DONE!!!

J PORTER SHAW LIBRARY
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